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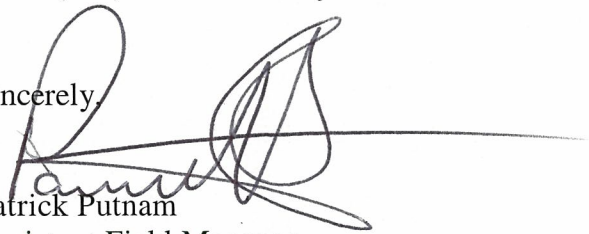
Dear Interested Public:

Attached please find copies of the *Finding of No Significant Impact* (FONSI) and *Decision Record* for the Environmental Assessment (EA), *Route Designations Located in Selected ACECs in Northeast Portion of the Las Vegas District* (attachments 1 and 2). Under this decision the BLM will designate 906 miles of routes identified within 11 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) on 552,554 acres. The 11 ACECs at issue here were established as part of the planning process which culminated in the signing of the Record of Decision for the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan (RMP) and final Environmental Impact Statement in 1998. As part of that planning process, the ACECs were designated as areas where use of off-road vehicles is to be limited to identified roads and trails. The selection of roads and trails is an implementation of the RMP decisions—not a new rule—and therefore is enforceable with the signing of the decision record. Thus it has been determined that a formal Federal Register notice is not necessary. This decision is subject to appeal; the public will have until August 31, 2008 to appeal this decision, pursuant to 43 CFR Part 4 and Form 1842-1 (attachment 3).

Files of the EA, FONSI, Decision Record, maps, and Form 1842-1 may be downloaded from the BLM website at <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.html>. You will see the Route Designation project as the fifth bullet under “In the Spotlight”.

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Sincerely,


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3 Attachments
(1) FONSI
(2) Decision Record
(3) Form 1842-1